CALIFORNIA OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Terrace Room, Clarion Hotel 700 – 16th Street Sacramento, California 95814

February 21, 2004

(MINUTES APPROVED MAY 7, 2004 AS PRESENTED)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Paul J. Spitler, Chair Robert F. Chavez, Vice Chair Judith A. Anderson, Member John E. Brissenden, Member Michael F. Prizmich, Member Harold M. Thomas, Member Edward H. Waldheim, Member

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Tim S. La Franchi, Legal Counsel, DPR
Anthony I. Perez, Chief, OHMVR Division
Barry W. Jones, Staff Park & Recreation Specialist, OHMVR Division
David Quijada, Associate Park & Recreation Specialist, OHMVR Division
Brian Klock, Associate Park & Recreation Specialist, OHMVR Division
Joan Grammer, Senior Park and Recreation Specialist, OHMVR Division
Joe Rosato, Public Information Officer, DPR
Rick LeFlore, Superintendent IV, OHMVR Division
Tom Ward, Recreation Manager, OHMVR Division
Laurie J. Taylor, Executive Secretary, OHMVR Division
Sandra J. Elder, Commission Assistant, OHMVR Division

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kenneth J. Poque, Deputy Attorney General

REGISTERED VISITORS

George Barnes, Sierra Club California

Peter W. Huebner, Board of Supervisors, County of Sierra

Lester Lubetkin, Eldorado NF

Rich Williams, BLM, Bishop

Bob Rudnick, part owner Onyx Ranch

Harriet Allen, DPC

Alan Bradshaw, Fresno County

Nick Harrison, Fresno County

Sylvia Milligan, CNSA

Fred Krueger, Plumas NF

Delbert Milligan, CNSA

Libbie Stull

Philip Rudnick, part owner Onyx Ranch

Kathy Mick, USFS, Vallejo

Dennis Cullen, USFS, Eldorado NF

Harold Carter, Imperial County Sheriff

Mark McNay, Imperial County Sheriff's Department

Virgil Welch, Planning & Conservation League

Karen Schambach, CSNC/PEER

Don Klusman, CA4WDC

Tony Danna, BLM

Heath Wakelee, Audubon Society

Dave Pickett, AMA District 36, Motorcycle Sports Committee

Tom Tammone, CORNA

Dan Walling, Pres., Polka Dots, M/C

Ole & Sherry Stortroen, 4Wheelers, Danville

Pete Dangermond, Riverside Land Conservancy

Bob Kelso, Stanislaus Recreation Stakeholders

Bill Rugg, Stanislaus Recreation Stakeholders

Dave Wheeler, Byron, California

Terence McHale, Aaron Read and Associates

Jay Dobler, CNSA

Jeff Applegate, USFS

Cory Eden, USFS

Todd Johns, Plumas County Sheriff's Office

Bill Kelso, Butte Meadow Hillsider, Chico

Kim & Jo Kolp, SRS, Mud, Sweat & Gears

Bob & Judith Spencer, CORE

Frank Racheloller, CORE

Eugene Cunningham, landowner

Jon Crowley, Blue Ribbon, CORVA

John McVicker, Bakersfield Police Department

Leisa Foutz, Partners in Recreation

Arrah Mann, Bear Valley Business Association

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LaVerne Ireland Laurel Amers, South Lake Tahoe Lois Silvernail. CORVA Brad Colin, BLM, Ukiah Mary Furney, Tahoe NF Wayne Halozan, Polk Dots M/C Christine Hemonyfeld, Sacramento Jeepers Kathy Avery, CA4WDC, Mud, Sweat & Gears Paolo Massei, Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors Rich Martin, CA4WDC Jay L. Kitchel, Tuolumne County Stakeholders Susan Tiffany, Butte County Sheriff Abel Albright, Blue Ribbon Coalition/Rubicon Friends Daphne Greene Cindy Szloboda, Camp Fire USA, Winterhaven Paul McFarland, Friends of the Inyo, Lee Vining Susan Clark, 12th District, AG Association Liz Norton, Lassen NF Bob Andres, Lassen NF John Warren, PIR, Hathaway Pines, CA Jim Willis, PIR, Hathaway, Pines, CA Nicolee Cunningham, PIR, Hathaway Pines, CA Joe Cunningham, PIR, Hathaway Pines, CA Tim McRae, Planning & Conservation League

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Spitler called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m., in the Terrace Room, Clarion Hotel, 700 – 16th Street, Sacramento, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Spitler led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

All Commission members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Thomas moved and Commissioner Waldheim seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Waldheim indicated there should be a correction to page 4 of the December 5, 2004 minutes, which state that I was a member of the Commission from May 1984 to January 1988. It should read May 1984 to May 1990.

Commissioner Prizmich moved and Commissioner Waldheim seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2004, as corrected and the Minutes of February 2, 2004, as presented. MOTION CARRIED, Commissioner Brissenden abstained.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2004 PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE

Commissioner Waldheim moved and Commissioner Prizmich seconded the motion to adopt the following 2004 meeting schedule:

May 7, 2004 (Friday)

August 18, 2004 (Wednesday)

September 1, 2004 (Wednesday)

October 28-29, 2004 (Thursday-Friday)

December 3, 2004 (Friday)

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AUGMENTATION OF 2003/04 GRANTS

OR-605 – Imperial County Sheriff OHV Law Enforcement 04

Chair Spitler asked for staff recommendation.

Mr. Jones informed the Commission \$38,207 is available in recope money from Monterey County, OR-549, which brings the total grant to \$488,207.

Commissioner Waldheim moved and Commissioner Prizmich seconded the motion to augment the OR-605 grant with \$38,207.

The following people spoke in support of the augmentation:

Harold Carter, Imperial County Sheriff Karen Schambach, PEER/CSNC

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Sheriff Carter informed that Commission that he is under the impression that BLM will be pulling back the money for extra staff during holiday weekends.

Commissioner Waldheim asked Jim Keeler, BLM OHV Coordinator, to comment on this situation.

Mr. Keeler indicated that funds are limited, but feel that the upcoming Easter weekend can be handled with existing funds and staff.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OR-2-S22 - USFS Regional Coordinator 2003/04

Chair Spitler asked if the Commissioners and staff minded if this grant augmentation were handled after the tabled grant. They're being no objection, the chair so ordered.

TABLED GRANT

OR-2-E-64 - USFS Eldorado Law Enforcement (Summer) 04

Chair Spitler asked for staff recommendation.

Mr. Jones informed the Commission that there was rescope funds available from several Forest Service grants and suggested that \$37,000 be granted to OR-2-E-64 from Forest Service rescope.

Chair Spitler suggested the rescope money come from OR-2-LP-64.

Commissioner Thomas moved and Commissioner Waldheim seconded the motion to see if there was more rescope money available, such as from county money.

Staff informed the Commission that county money couldn't be rescoped to the Forest Service and vice versa.

Commissioner Thomas and Commissioner Waldheim withdrew their motion.

Commissioner Thomas moved and Commissioner Prizmich seconded the motion to approve OR-2-E-64 in the amount of \$37,000 to be rescoped from OR-2-LP-84.

The following people spoke in support of funding for the Pacific Ranger District:

Lester Lubetkin, Eldorado NF Dennis Collin, Eldorado NF Karen Schambach, PEER/CSNC Don Klusman, CA4WDC

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Spitler commented that it was good to see Mr. Klusman back at our meetings after his heart attack.

AUGMENTATION OF 2003/04 GRANTS

OR-1-SW-22 - USFS, Pacific SW Regional Coordinator O&M 2003/04

Staff recommendation was for \$48,582, the rescope money available from OR-2-LTB-46 (\$4,378), OR-2-P-63 (\$30,501), and balance from OR-2-LP-84 (\$14,000).

Commissioner Waldheim moved and Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion to augment OR-1-SW-22 with \$48,582 rescope money to be used do NEPA documentation.

Commissioner Thomas would prefer to do nothing and let the money go back into the trust fund.

The following people spoke in support of augmentation:

Karen Schambach, PEER/CSNC Don Klusman, CA4WDC

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE NAY.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (ADGENDIZED FOR 9:00 A.M.)

The Commission took public comment on the Onyx Ranch acquisition from the following people:

Phil Rudnick, Onyx Ranch Family Trust
Pete Dangermond, Riverside Land Conservancy

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Heath Wakelee informed the Commission about the recent Placer County Noise Ordinance, which will have some effect on off-road vehicles. This ordinance goes into effect March 1, 2004. The Task Force for this ordinance is still working to fine tune several items in the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Chair Spitler called for the vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned.

Anthony I. Perez, Chief California State Parks OHMVR Division

Sandra J. Elder Commission Assistant OHMVR Division